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Iowa Cattle on Feed Numbers Down 5% from Last Year

Iowa: There were 872,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on January 1, 2007, up 3 percent from December 1, 2006, but down 5 percent from January 1, 2006. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 520,000 head on feed, up 4 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 352,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month, but down 14 percent from last year.

Placements during December totaled 142,000 head, a decrease of 4 percent from last month and 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 82,000 head, unchanged from last month but up 26 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 60,000 head. This is down 9 percent from last month and down 23 percent from last year.

Marketings for December were 105,000 head, down 20 percent from last month but up 38 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 59,000 head, down 16 percent from last month but up 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 46,000 head, down 25 percent from last month, but up 100 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 9,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on January 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2006 and 6 percent above January 1, 2005. This is the highest January 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.57 million steers and steer calves, up slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.30 million head, up 4 percent from January 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.71 million, 9 percent below 2005 and 7 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.63 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 470,000, 600-699 pounds were 504,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 320,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.63 million, 5 percent below 2005 and 9 percent below 2004. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 88,000 during December, 3 percent below 2005 and 4 percent below 2004.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2006	500	344	844
December Placements	82	60	142
December Marketings	59	46	105
December Other Disappearance	3	6	9
Cattle on Feed, January 1, 2007	520	352	872

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month,
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ¹**

State	Cattle on Feed January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			December Disappearance other than Slaughter ²		
	2006	2007	'07 as % of '06	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	334	334	100	35	26	74	27	31	115	2	2	100
CA	550	550	100	69	77	112	60	63	105	9	4	44
CO	1,080	1,100	102	155	135	87	140	150	107	5	5	100
ID	275	260	95	48	39	81	50	41	82	3	8	267
IA	510	520	102	65	82	126	53	59	111	2	3	150
KS	2,500	2,540	102	495	410	83	435	390	90	30	30	100
NE	2,430	2,540	105	350	390	111	305	350	115	15	10	67
NM	143	136	95	20	15	75	13	15	115	1	1	100
OK	370	350	95	64	46	72	57	42	74	2	4	200
SD	205	225	110	46	50	109	28	32	114	3	3	100
TX	2,920	2,870	98	465	370	80	470	385	82	15	15	100
WA	152	184	121	26	24	92	34	24	71	1	1	100
Oth Sts	335	365	109	46	50	109	43	43	100	3	2	67
US	11,804	11,974	101	1,884	1,714	91	1,715	1,625	95	91	88	97

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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